

March 14, 2020

John Zicconi, Secretary
Vermont Transportation Board
Agency of Transportation
14 Baldwin Street
Montpelier, VT, 05602

RE: Naming Transportation Facility
Terminal Building @ The Rutland State Airport

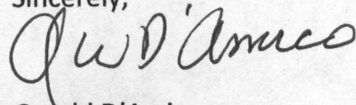
Dear Mr. Zicconi:

Attached is a petition to name the existing terminal at the Rutland Southern Vermont State Airport after Walter E. Houghton. Walt, as he was known, was born in Rutland in 1940 and was a devoted aviator and aviation professional. The enclosed petition has over 90 signatures of Vermonters, most of whom knew and respected Walter, including a significant number who worked with Walt during his many years serving as the Manager of State Airports, Director of Aviation at the Burlington International Airport and his service in the VT Air Guard.

I am also enclosing a copy of an unsolicited letter from Norris LaClair, who had known and worked with Walt since the 1970s. This letter depicts typical support for this petition by the many people, with whom I've discussed this petition, who knew and appreciated Walt's devotion to Vermont Aviation.

Thank you for accepting this petition. Please contact me or Walt's family if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



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cc: Pauline Houghton
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Petition to Name a Transportation Facility

To the

Vermont Transportation Board

Proposed Facility: Existing Terminal Building at the Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport in Clarendon, VT

Proposed Name: Walter E. Houghton Memorial Terminal

Petition Contact: Gerald D'Amico, PO Box 96/150 Tracy Hill, Roxbury, VT, 05669 [802-485-4735; jerrydamico@tds.net]

Naming Information:

(1) Justification:

Walter E. Houghton, born in Rutland on December 18, 1940, and raised in Bridgewater, VT

Following service in the US Air Force, where he earned his private pilot license, Walt Houghton went to work for Mohawk Airlines. In 1970, he joined the VT Aeronautics Board, now included within VTrans, as the Manager of State Airports, before managing Northern Airways fixed base operation in Burlington. In 1983, he was selected as the Director of Aviation at the Burlington International Airport, where he was successful in promoting the growth of airline service [Peoples Express], constructing the first major terminal expansion that included jet ways, planning for the first parking garage, and expansion of the fixed based operations into 'the valley'. Walt's concern for providing aircraft with a safe landing area earned BTV its first of several Berndt Balchen Awards for snow and ice removal from the American Association of Airport Executives.

While with VTrans, Walt was instrumental in guiding VT Airports, assisting in the implementation of the State Airport System Plan, leading search and rescue operations, accident pre-planning, ensuring adequate fire/rescue equipment and facilities were available to the state airports and implementing both an effective winter snow removal plan and a continuing maintenance program.

His concern for aviation safety got him involved with the Saab Friction Tester, used to determine the braking conditions aircraft should expect on a runway during winter snow and ice conditions. Walt received numerous accolades from his peers, including Florida Aviation Professional of the Year [Florida Airports Council], Glenn Curtis Award [Greater Miami Aviation Association], and the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.

Walt shared his passion for aviation and aircraft safety with future devotees. Following retirement as the Director of Aviation for the Broward County [FL] Department of Aviation, he taught courses in aviation planning, aviation history, and aviation management at Embry Riddle, Broward County Community College, McDill Air Force Base, and Central Florida Aerospace Academy.

Walt was a student of aviation history. He served on several museum boards, organized several air shows in Vermont, and he was contributor of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Walt was passionate about aviation. *His profession was also his hobby.*

When he wasn't managing a new aviation program or project, he was flying his beloved N3N or promoting aviation. Walt was an accomplished artist, painting aviation landscapes and/or actual airplanes. As late as this past winter, Walt was active in planning for BTV's 100th anniversary and the on-going search for a Rockwell Commander, lost after leaving BTV in January, 1971, and presumed crashed into Lake Champlain. Walt wanted closure for the families of those on board the aircraft.

Many people love their work. Walt lived a life fostering aviation.

Walt passed away on March 13, 2019. He leaves his wife, Pauline, a son, Jeffrey, and daughter, Jennifer and their families along with numerous friends, associates, and students.

- (2) Location: The Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport is located on Airport Road in the Town of Clarendon. The terminal building is located at 1002 Airport Road, Clarendon, VT.
- (3) The Airport was developed by the Department of Defense in 1942 as part of the World War II defense effort. It was turned over to the City of Rutland, as the Rutland Municipal Airport after the war. Ownership of the airport was transferred to the State of Vermont [the Vt Aeronautics Board] in July, 1969. [recorded in the Clarendon Land Records in Book 34, Pages 264-266]. In the ensuing fifty years, the airport has added numerous improvements, including aircraft parking aprons, taxiways, electronic landing aids, upgraded lighting and other visual aids, numerous aircraft storage hangars, and a fire station. Currently there is a transportation highway garage facility on the west side of the main runway off Route 7B. The airport currently contains approximately 344 acres.
- (4) The airport is owned, maintained and managed by the VT Agency of Transportation/Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development, Aviation Program. The airport manager is Christopher Beitzel [802-786-8881]. The transportation garage is managed by the Agency of Transportation, Maintenance and Operations, District 3.
- (5) The airport is designated as the Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport, there is no formal name for the "Terminal Building". The airport was originally named the Rutland Municipal Airport, which was changed to the Rutland State Airport upon transfer to the State of Vermont. Currently, the official name of the airport is the Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport.
- (6) The terminal is currently used by:
 - VT Agency of Transportation: Airport Manager's office
 - Lessee: Cape Air [the airline]: offices, waiting, ticketing, and boarding areas
 - Lessee: US Transportation Security Agency [TSA]: TSA security office
 - Lessee: The Hangar Café [restaurant]

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MARCH 9, 2020

Hello Gerald,

Thank you so much for
leading this petition for
Walt Houghton.

I was the manager of the
Morrisville-Stowe ^{state} airport
from 1975-1979 when Walt
was the Manager of State Airports.

He was so very helpful to both
me and my wife.

Justin Houghton told me about this.
He was my mechanic as well as his
father, Bob for 14 years at Biggalls
properties at BTV.

Please let me know
when you will close the
petition and want to
continue getting more
signatures.

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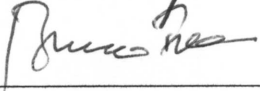
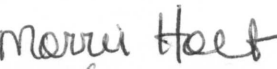
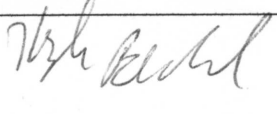

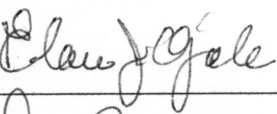
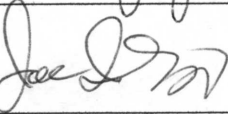
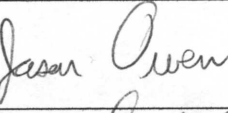
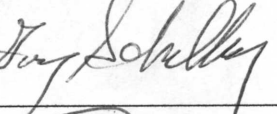
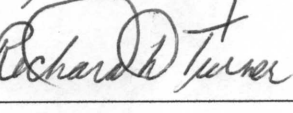
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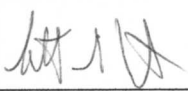

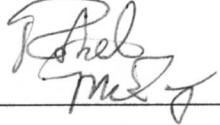
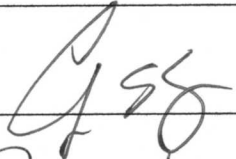
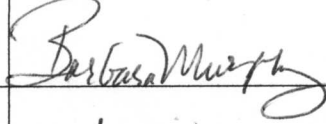
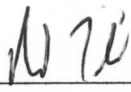
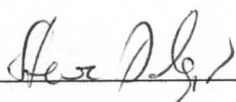
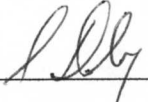
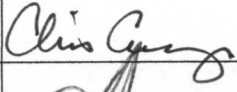

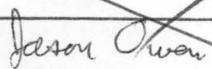
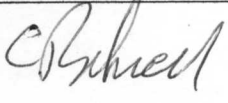
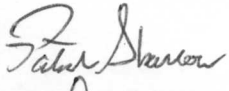
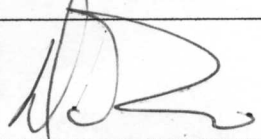
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20	Elaine Ojak		58 Terrace St Montpelier, VT 05602
21	JOE ILLORZI		138 Main St Montpelier, VT 05602
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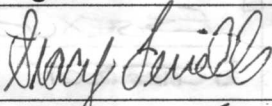

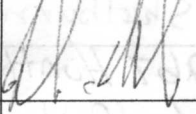
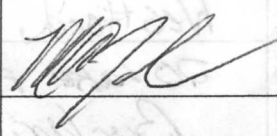

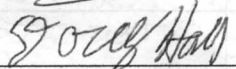
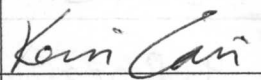
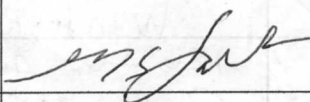
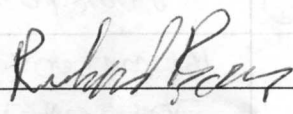
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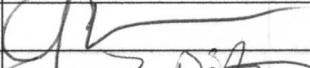

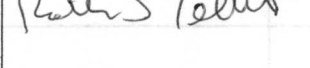

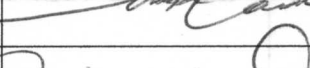

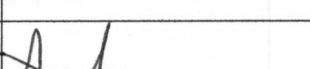
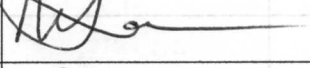
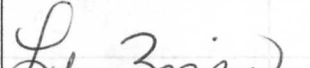
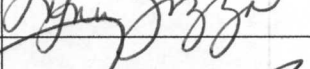
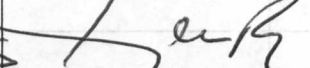
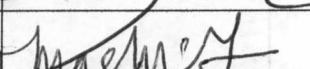
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58	Tamara Gagne	Tamara Gagne	1373 Lower Newton Rd St. Albans VT 05478
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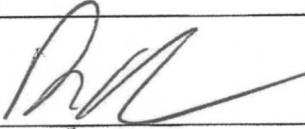
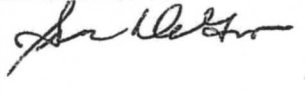
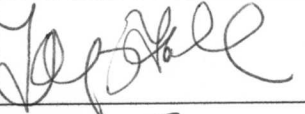
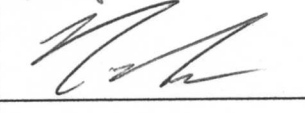
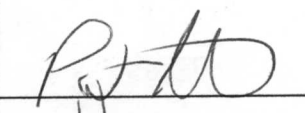
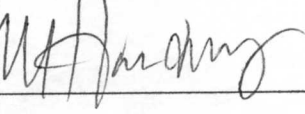
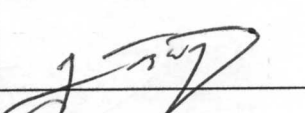
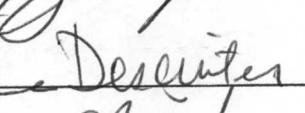
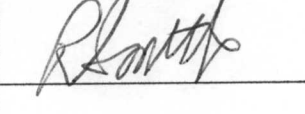
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